

## North Eastern Bridge Association

### EGM held at Durham Bridge Club, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6.30pm

**Members present:** Sue Davies ( Chair) , Marion Curran (Vice chair) , David Gold (Chief Tournament Secretary), Gill Gold, Dick Davies, Graham Cox( Inter Club Secretary), Tim Baelz, Alan Wallace, Rosemary Wallace, Frank Bouweraerts, John McCourt, Irene Burns, Kathleen Penrose ,Margaret McCabe, Liz Muir, Dave Thompson ( Congress Secretary) ( This now represented a quorum according to the constitution)

Additional members attended later as they had come to play Bridge at Durham

**1 Apologies for absence** were received from Jill Armstrong ( webmaster), Mike Craig, Colin Mitchell, Emma Carpenter(Whitby), Dan Benison

2 The chairman thanked Durham Bridge club for once again making their premises available for the meeting. She also thanked those members who had attended this meeting.

**3. Minutes of AGM** held on 16<sup>th</sup> may had been circulated and available on the website, She asked for them to be accepted as a true record. Liz Muir pointed out that Dave Armstrong was not on the winning team for the Niman Israel Cup and it was in fact herself who was the fourth member .This will be corrected.

**4 Quoracy** The chairman then pointed out the main need for this EGM was because the AGM was not quorate as the quorum was set as 20 at last years AGM. After a discussion at the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> May it was agreed that this be reduced to 10. However, this needs to be ratified by todays EGM. She then opened the discussion to the floor before voting on this item.

Liz Muir suggested that 10 was too low a number as the Executive committee would make up most of the 10 votes needed so it would not be representative of the members. She went on to suggest that the AGM should be held on a club night at one of the larger Clubs (e.g Morpeth, Castle Morpeth, Brunton, Darlington) so that we would get more members there.

David Gold pointed out that these days there are no longer many “larger clubs” as many clubs are working with reduced members after Covid so this might not work. In any case members would probably not come along for an AGM at 6.00pm when Bridge starts at 7.00pm.

Alan Wallace suggested that the wording should be the quorum should be 10 provided that not more than 50% of that 10 were executive members,

The motion to have the quorum as 10 was proposed by Gill Gold and seconded by David Gold. There was a very large majority in favour of this so it was passed.

**6. Election of officers.** The Vice Chairman explained that the only offices that needed to be voted on were:-

**Chairman** Sue Davies

**Vice Chairman** Marion Curran

**Treasurer** Bill March

**Chief Tournament Secretary** David Gold

and **Secretary.** Position vacant.

All other positions are co-opted members of the Executive committee.

There have been no other nominations and as we have no secretary the Vice Chairman has to fulfil that role until a secretary is found. **Please ask around because we desperately need someone to fill this important post.**

These officers were duly elected

7, Any other business

Marion Curran reiterated the plea for people to take part in events that NEBA is trying to organise for them. In particular the **Summer Pairs on 18 June at Hexham**

and the **Summer Teams on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Brunton**

Dave Thompson added **the November Congress** to that list of events

She also asked members to put their names forward to be considered for selection to represent NEBA in EBU events such as the Northern Bridge League and the match against East of Scotland , both of which are coming up in the next couple of months.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.00 pm and those who were able then joined in Durham's Bridge session.